| UDC Proposal | April 20, 2000 |
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| PSWG Metering Issue #65 | |

Participants: Arizona Public Service, Salt River Project, Tucson Electric Power

<u>Issue summary</u>: The current requirement in Arizona for MRSP's participating in Direct Access is the sending of interval data files and monthly reads to the UDC's for all interval meters. The MRSP's and ESP's would like this requirement to be modified and request to send interval data files only.

<u>Proposal:</u> The UDC's agree that it would be acceptable for the MRSP's to provide one file with the interval data and eliminate the requirement for the monthly reads file for interval meters with the following stipulations:

- A meter read can be requested at any time the UDC finds the data to be inconsistent with historical data, or finds other errors within the interval data.
- The meter read must be a read from the meter register, and would be required within two (2) working days from the date of the request from the UDC. This read would be delivered back to the UDC in EDI 867 format.
- The UDC's will calculate the reads for billing (when applicable).
- ♦ VEE rules will require modification to decrease the margin for error in the interval data.
- ♦ A performance monitoring system needs to be created, sanctions established, and enforcement processes defined for consistent non-compliance and poor performance.
- ♦ MRSP Certification needs to be revamped to test the ability of the MRSP to send production data from an active meter.
- ♦ The ESP's would give "read only" passwords and grant access to their meters to the UDC. When other methods of procuring accurate data from the MRSP have failed, the UDC will have the ability to dial the meter directly to retrieve data.
- ◆ The impacts of this proposal on the Co-Ops have not been detailed.

<u>Implications</u>: This proposal only speaks to the requirement for interval meters, and a second criterion needs to be established for the sending of data for non-interval meters. The ACC rules may also require a change as there is a requirement for a meter read to be printed on the bill. The rules should also include the non-performance sanctions. As the above proposal will require system enhancements and greater detail around each item, it is not possible at this time to provide an implementation date/time. The Arizona 867 standard format will also require modification to support this proposal.